

INTENSIVE IN-HOME SERVICES (IIS)

This attachment addresses the responsibility of the Children's Division for referring families to Intensive In-Home Services (IIS).

Intensive In-home Services are designed to prevent the out-of-home placement of children. IIS is targeted to families who have children in immediate risk of placement. Immediate risk is identified as a crisis, which erupts and the family or Children's Service Worker is ready to recommend out-of-home placement. A preliminary screening shall be completed for all children when out-of-home placement is being considered to determine if an IIS referral is necessary.

An IIS referral is required in all cases when a Children's Service Worker plans to recommend the removal of a child(ren) except in the following situations:

- When a child(ren) cannot be adequately protected during the referral and assessment process and must be removed on an emergency basis; or
- When all caregivers have indicated that they will not cooperate with IIS.

When the Children's Service Worker identifies that the family's situation requires a recommendation for out-of-home placement, he/she should discuss his/her concerns for the welfare of the child(ren) with the family and inform the family of his/her decision to recommend out-of-home placement of the child(ren). The Children's Service Worker should advise the family that IIS is a resource that may be available to them, which could help prevent placement of the child(ren).

The worker needs to consult with their supervisor regarding this preliminary screening and the decision to refer to IIS.

There will be situations when a child(ren) is removed from his/her home on an emergency basis. If an IIS referral was not made at the time of removal, the Children's Service Worker who is responsible for the child(ren) immediately following placement, and his/her supervisor, should re-evaluate the placement decision within 72 hours following the placement, according to Section 211.180, which requires a screening after removal from the home and placement in custody of the court.

Information regarding the decision to refer the family for IIS and the outcome of that decision will be documented on the CPS-1 and CPS-1A. The results of the consultation should also be documented on the CPS-1, Child Abuse/Neglect Investigation/Family Assessment Summary.

Related Subject: Section 3, Chapter 8, Intensive In-Home Services.
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